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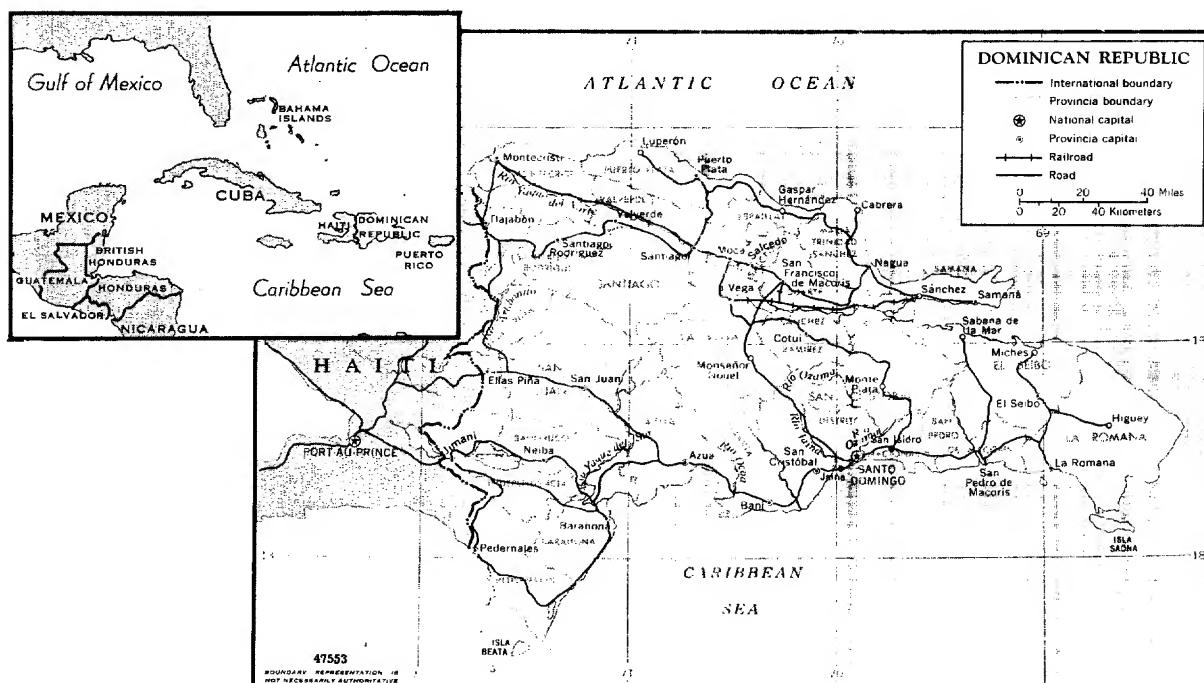
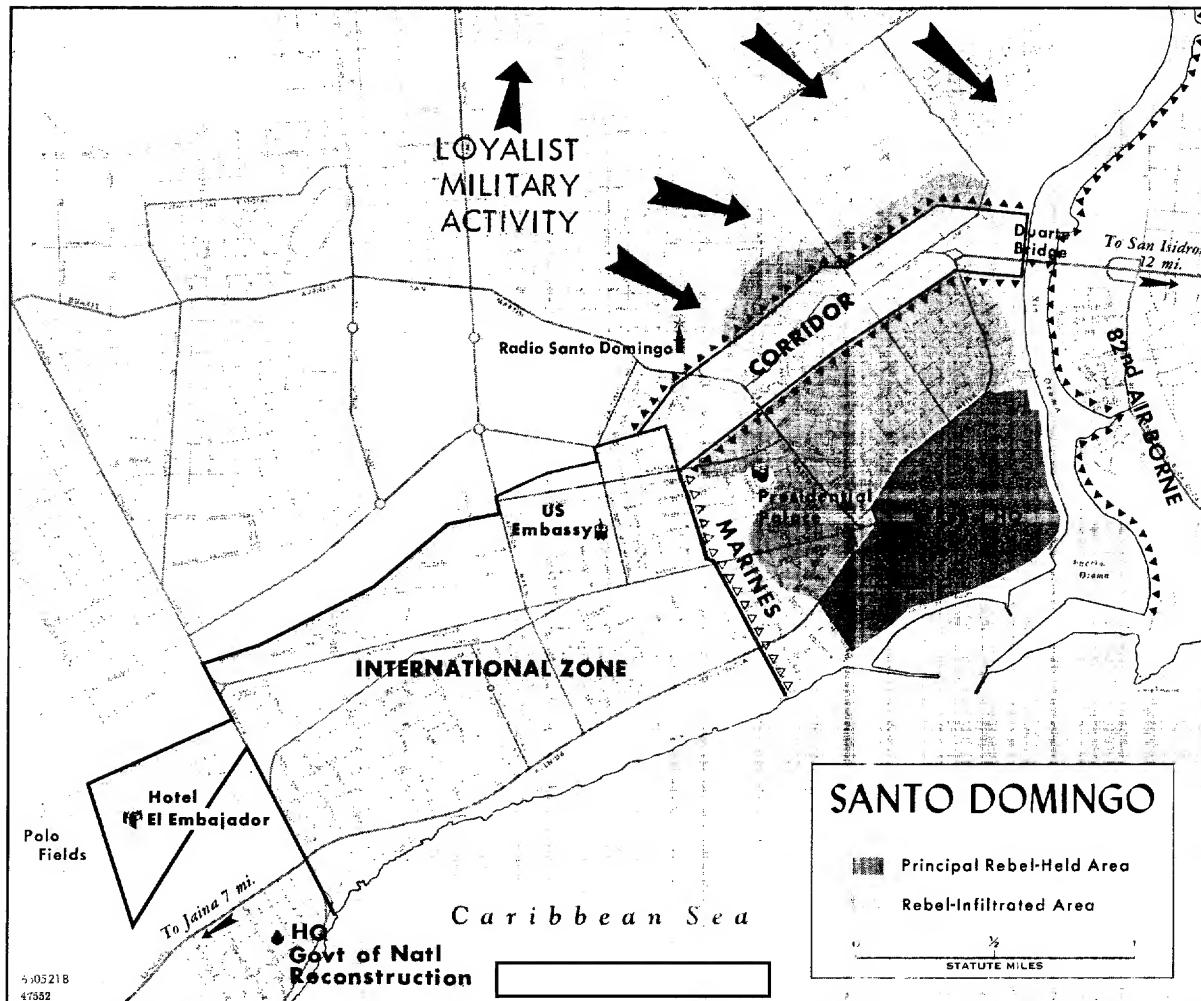
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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Loyalist forces gained control over most of the northern sector of Santo Domingo before the 24-hour ceasefire went into effect at 1:00 PM EDT yesterday.

UN and OAS proposals to extend the truce for an additional 24 hours met with an initial unfavorable reaction from the Imbert forces, but their final decision was postponed until today. Loyalist propaganda media maintained their militant anti-Communist tone and stressed their determination to obtain "unconditional surrender."

The loyalists met with little resistance and captured about 500 prisoners yesterday. Imbert's government called on businessmen to reopen stores and factories in the newly cleared area beginning today and power crews were moving into the area to restore electric service.

Rebel leader Caamano took a conciliatory tone in a press conference held yesterday. He called for direct negotiations with the US and offered to step down if his replacement honored the 1963 Bosch constitution. Jose Pena Gomez, an important leader of Bosch's political party, told Ambassador Bennett that the party leadership feels that the rebels are almost whipped militarily and that the party is willing to negotiate on all points--except the 1963 constitution.

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[redacted] extremist leaders, who are still in command of rebel fighting units, are discouraged. They still insist, however, that while they may lose the battle in Santo Domingo, they

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will still win the longer war. Some of the extremists, perhaps reflecting wishful thinking, are talking among themselves about the possibility of receiving military help from the Castro regime.]

A second unsuccessful attack was made on the Villa Gonzalez police post near Santiago during the night of 20-21 May by 25 to 30 rebels. The remainder of the interior was calm yesterday as the military and police tightened their control.

[the rebels are continuing to take arms into the countryside and that attacks on the police in the La Vega and Bonao areas are possible.]

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Canada-France: [Negotiations for a Canadian sale to France of 50,000 tons of uranium oxide, roughly a quarter of Canada's known reserves, are moving into their final stages]

[Trade Minister Sharp is presently in Paris ironing out remaining differences. Ottawa has so far insisted that the French agree to the usual safeguard provisions which require that the uranium be used only for peaceful purposes. The French Government has refused to commit itself to this provision]

[Another stumbling block is a Canadian reluctance to meet a French demand for a long-term commitment-- perhaps as long as 25 years--to sell its uranium at a fixed price. World prices have recently fluctuated considerably]

[An equally important consideration, however, might turn out to be the Canadian Government's need, for political reasons, to protect a major mining industry. This will induce Ottawa to press hard for some mutually acceptable solution]

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Guatemala: [The Soviets have apparently renewed their interest in assisting the Guatemalan Communist Party (PGT).]

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[The PGT has for some months now engaged in a dispute with the "13 November" guerrilla movement led by Yon Sosa, who the PGT says has damaged the revolution by accepting a Maoist interpretation of the "armed struggle." In this dispute the PGT was hampered by the government's seizure of its printing facilities, while the "13 November" movement was able to circulate its own hard-line propaganda.]

[In the past month the PGT has shown signs of revival, possibly because of reported financial help from the USSR. The party has reoriented its structure toward military and paramilitary organization, and has inaugurated a new clandestine guerrilla publication to compete with "13 November" literature.]

[The growth of pro-Chinese sentiment within the PGT at a time when the Guatemalan political situation is deteriorating may also have led the Soviets to lend assistance to the weakened orthodox party.]

*[In what appears to be an act of terrorism, Deputy Minister of Defense Ernesto Molina Arreaga was assassinated by a burst of machine-gun fire in Guatemala City yesterday afternoon.]

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Uruguay-Brazil: Senior Uruguayan officials fear that Brazil may seize on the Dominican crisis as a precedent for military intervention in Uruguay. The Brazilians, motivated in part by concern over possible Communist gains, have in fact been exerting psychological pressure on Montevideo to straighten out its deepening political and economic problem. There is no firm evidence at the moment that Brazil is planning a military move into Uruguay, but Rio will probably keep up its psychological pressures.

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Communist China - Tanzania: Chinese Premier Chou En-lai will visit Tanzania in early June, according to an announcement by Peiping on 21 May. Chou's discussions with President Nyerere will probably stress preparations for the Second Afro-Asian Conference scheduled to begin on 29 June in Algiers. Chou will probably also visit Egypt, Syria, and other African and Middle Eastern countries in an attempt to line up support for Chinese positions at the conference.

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